

FAITHLESS AND TWISTED

Luke 9:28-36

- Faithless, therefore **Powerless**: Because the self-reliant are ineffective.
- Twisted in **Thought**: Because the self-satisfied remain ignorant.
- Twisted in **Attitude**: Because the self-righteous destroy unity.

“This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” – Luke 9:35



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FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Describe a time when you felt like you were spiritually powerless or ineffective. What were the circumstances, and how did you respond? (*Luke 9:40; Proverbs 3:5-7; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10; John 15:5*)
2. Jesus connects spiritual power with humble dependence and faith. Why do you think self-reliance can be so spiritually crippling? (*Matthew 17:19-20; Ephesians 2:8-10; Galatians 3:2-6*)
3. Brian said, “When our prayer is limited, our faith can become shallow, and our power sapped.” What do you think a prayerful life looks like, and how might it transform your ability to serve others in Jesus' name? (*James 1:5-6, 4:2-3, 5:16; Matthew 11:28-30*)
4. The disciples didn't understand Jesus' prediction of His suffering, and were afraid to ask. What keeps people today from seeking understanding within their faith? (*Romans 8:14-17; 1 John 4:15-18; 2 Timothy 4:3-5; Philippians 3:12-13*)
5. Why do you think Jesus chose a child to teach the disciples about true greatness? How does this challenge our view of significance in the church or in life? (*Luke 9:48*)
6. See Luke 9:49. In what ways do we still fall into this trap of “us vs. them” thinking within the church today, or even as we consider non-believers? (*Ephesians 4:4-6; Matthew 28:16-20*)
7. After considering this passage, what is one area of your life where you sense a need to shift from self-reliance to Jesus-reliance? What's one step you can take this week to “listen to Jesus”? (*Luke 9:35, 9:44a*)

“I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now.... Come further up, come further in!” — C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle